

**II. Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

What is claimed is:

Claims 1-73 (canceled).

Claim 74 (new): A method for providing a daily cash index for hotel room vacancies comprising:

- a. for each day, performing a survey of actual hotel room vacancies executed on said day in a local region;
- b. for each day, generating a daily cash index of hotel room vacancies in the local region based upon the survey.

Claim 75 (new): The method of claim 74, wherein the daily cash index is calculated on a weighted average basis.

Claim 76 (new): The method of claim 74, wherein the daily cash index is calculated on a moving average basis.

Claim 77 (new): The method of claim 74, wherein the daily cash index is calculated on an exponential moving average basis.

Claim 78 (new): A method for providing a daily cash index for hotel room occupancies comprising:

- a. for each day, performing a survey of actual hotel room occupancies executed on said day in a local region;

b. for each day, generating a daily cash index of hotel room occupancies in the local region based upon the survey.

Claim 79 (new): The method of claim 78, wherein the daily cash index is calculated on a weighted average basis.

Claim 80 (new): The method of claim 78, wherein the daily cash index is calculated on a moving average basis.

Claim 81 (new): The method of claim 78, wherein the daily cash index is calculated on an exponential moving average basis.

Claim 82 (new): A method for providing a daily cash index for hotel room rates comprising:

- a. for each day, performing a survey of hotel room rates executed on said day in a local region;
- b. for each day, generating a daily cash index of hotel room rates in the local region based upon the survey.

Claim 83 (new): The method of claim 82, wherein the daily cash index is calculated on a weighted average basis.

Claim 84 (new): The method of claim 82, wherein the daily cash index is calculated on a moving average basis.

Claim 85 (new): The method of claim 82, wherein the daily cash index is calculated on an exponential moving average basis.

Claim 86 (new): A method for providing daily cash indices for at least one of hotel room vacancies, hotel room occupancies and hotel room rates comprising:

- a. for each day, performing a survey of at least one of actual hotel room vacancies, hotel room occupancies and hotel room rates executed on said day in a local region;
- b. for each day, generating a daily cash index of at least one of hotel room vacancies, hotel room occupancies and hotel room rates in the local region based upon the survey.